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PHILIP GERACI, 2201 Green Acres Road, furnished the following information:

GERACI viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and stated OSWALD was identical to an individual with whom he had a brief conversation lasting about ten minutes, which took place at the Cuban Student Directorate (CSD), 107 Decatur Street, New Orleans, in the latter part of July, 1963. GERACI, age 15, a sophomore at East Jefferson High School, Metairie, Louisiana, advised that at the time he met OSWALD at the CSD he, GERACI, was visiting that place for the first time for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the CSD, which he had heard was an anti-CASTRO Cuban organization. GERACI stated that he discussed anti-CASTRO activities with a CARLOS BRINGIUS (phonetic), who owned the Casa Roca Store, 107 Decatur Street, which was the headquarters for the anti-CASTRO organization, known as the CSD. Accompanying GERACI at that time was a friend of his, VANCE BLALOCK, 5708 Boutall Street, Metairie, Louisiana.

While talking with CARLOS BRINGIUS, an individual whose photograph GERACI advised was identical to LEE HARVEY OSWALD, came into the store and made inquiry of BRINGIUS regarding anti-CASTRO literature. OSWALD expressed an interest in learning all about the CSD and indicated a desire to join the organization. Following a brief discussion of the CSD, its purposes and objectives, OSWALD became engaged in another conversation with GERACI and his friend, BLALOCK. GERACI recalls OSWALD mentioning that he had in his possession a Marine Guide Book which contained information regarding guerrilla tactics, firearms and other subjects. GERACI recalls mentioning to OSWALD that he, GERACI, had done a little reading regarding guerrilla warfare, after which OSWALD informed him that he was familiar with various types of guerrilla tactics. OSWALD informed GERACI that he knew enough about explosives to be able to blow up the new bridge which crossed the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Algiers, Louisiana. OSWALD also mentioned that he knew how to derail a train which could easily be accomplished by placing a chain around the railroad tracks and securing it with a lock.

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by SA KEVIN J. HARRIGAN /jm Date dictated 11/29/63

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GERACI advised that the brief conversation with OSWALD lasted about ten or fifteen minutes, and that in addition to discussing the CSD and a brief discussion regarding guerrilla tactics, nothing else was discussed. He cannot recall OSWALD discussing Marxism, Communism or any other political philosophy at the time. GERACI recalls OSWALD mentioning that he was living on Magazine Street, exact address unrecalled, and also that he was looking for a job. In addition, GERACI advised that other than the brief conversation he had with OSWALD in July, 1963, he had no further contact with OSWALD and had not seen him since that time.